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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## HOUSE BILL NO. 529

## BY TRANSPORTATION AND DEFENSE COMMITTEE

AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES; AMENDING SECTION 49-202, IDAHO CODE, TO RE-MOVE A PROVISION REGARDING REGISTRATION STICKERS; AMENDING SECTION 49-402, IDAHO CODE, TO REMOVE PROVISIONS REGARDING VALIDATION REGIS-TRATION STICKERS; AMENDING SECTION 49-402A, IDAHO CODE, TO REMOVE A PROVISION REGARDING VALIDATION REGISTRATION STICKERS, TO PROVIDE FOR LICENSE PLATE ISSUANCE AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 49-402E, IDAHO CODE, TO REMOVE PROVISIONS REGARDING LICENSE PLATE STICKERS; AMENDING SECTION 49-411, IDAHO CODE, TO REMOVE PROVI-SIONS REGARDING VALIDATION STICKERS AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 49-412, IDAHO CODE, TO REMOVE A PROVISION REGARDING REGISTRATION STICKERS AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AMENDING SEC-TION 49-428, IDAHO CODE, TO REMOVE PROVISIONS REGARDING REGISTRATION STICKERS; AMENDING SECTION 49-434, IDAHO CODE, TO REMOVE A PROVISION REGARDING VALIDATION STICKERS; AMENDING SECTION 49-443, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE A CODE REFERENCE AND TO REMOVE PROVISIONS REGARDING REGIS-TRATION STICKERS; AMENDING SECTION 67-7602B, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE A CORRECT CODE REFERENCE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Section 49-202, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 49-202. DUTIES OF DEPARTMENT. (1) All registration and driver's license records in the office of the department shall be public records and open to inspection by the public during normal business hours, except for those records declared by law to be for the confidential use of the department, or those records containing personal information subject to restrictions or conditions regarding disclosure. If the department has contracted for a service to be provided by another entity, an additional fee shall be charged by that contractor whether the service is rendered during normal business hours, other than normal business hours or on weekends.
- (2) In addition to other fees required by law to be collected by the department, the department shall collect the following:
  - (a) For certifying a copy of any record pertaining to any vehicle license, any certificate of title, or any driver's license ...... \$14.00
  - (b) For issuing every Idaho certificate of title ..... \$14.00
  - (c) For furnishing a duplicate copy of any Idaho certificate
  - of title ...... \$14.00
  - (d) For issuance or transfer of every certificate of title on a new or used vehicle or other titled vehicle in an expedited manner (rush titles), in addition to any other fee required by this section .... \$26.00

1 2	(e) For recording a transitional ownership document, in addition to any other fee required by this section\$26.00
3	(f) For furnishing a replacement of any receipt
4	of registration \$5.00
5	(g) For furnishing copies of registration or ownership of motor vehi-
6	cles or driver's license records, per vehicle registration, accident
7	report records, title or per driver's license record \$7.00
8	Additional contractor fee, not to exceed
9	(h) For services in searching files of vehicle or other
10	registrations, vehicle titles, or driver's licenses per hour \$18.00
11	(i) Placing "stop" cards in vehicle registration or title
12	files, each \$21.00
13	(j) For issuance of an assigned or replacement vehicle
14	identification number (VIN) \$18.00
15	(k) For a vehicle identification number (VIN) inspection whether con-
16	ducted by a city or county peace officer or any other peace officer or
17	designated agent of the state of Idaho, per inspection \$5.00
18	(1) For all replacement <del>registration</del> stickers, each \$2.00
19	(m) For issuing letters of temporary vehicle clearance
20	to Idaho-based motor carriers \$18.00
21	(n) For all sample license plates, each\$21.00
22	(o) For filing release of liability statements
23	(p) For safety and insurance programs for each vehicle operated
24	by a motor carrier \$3.00
25	A lesser amount may be set by rule of the board.
26	(3) The fees required in this section shall not apply when the service

- (3) The fees required in this section shall not apply when the service is furnished to any federal, state, county or city peace officer when such service is required in the performance of their duties as peace officers.
- (4) The department may enter into agreements with private companies or public entities to provide the services for which a fee is collected in subsection (2)(g) of this section. Such private contractor shall collect the fee prescribed and remit the fee to the department. The contractor shall also collect and retain the additional fee charged for his services.
  - (5) (a) The department shall pay three dollars (\$3.00) of the fee collected by a county assessor or other authorized agent of the department as provided in subsection (2)(a) through (f) of this section, and four dollars (\$4.00) as provided in subsection (2)(q) of this section, to the county assessor or sheriff of the county or authorized agent of the department collecting such fee, which shall be deposited with the county treasurer and credited to the county current expense fund when collected by the county. When fees are collected by the department or an authorized agent of the department, such fees shall be deposited with the issuing entity. The remainder of the fees collected as provided in that subsection shall be paid by the department to the state treasurer and placed in the state highway account.
  - (b) The fee collected under subsection (2) (k) of this section for a VIN inspection shall be placed in the city general fund if conducted by a city peace officer, in the county current expense fund if conducted by a county peace officer, shall be retained by the special agent authorized to perform the inspection, or paid to the state treasurer and placed to

the credit of the Idaho state police if conducted by the Idaho state police or in the state highway account if conducted by the department.

- (c) The fee collected under subsection (2) (o) of this section for filing release of liability statements shall be retained by the county assessor of the county collecting such fee and shall be deposited with the county treasurer and credited to the county current expense fund. Any fees collected by the department for filing release of liability statements shall be retained by the department.
- (d) The fee in subsection (2) (m) of this section shall not apply when the Idaho-based motor carrier or its representative obtains and prints the document using internet access.
- (e) The fee collected under subsection (2) (p) of this section for motor carriers shall be paid by the department to the state treasurer and placed in the state highway account. The director and the director of the Idaho state police shall jointly determine the amount to be transferred from the state highway account to the law enforcement fund for motor carrier safety programs conducted by the Idaho state police pursuant to the provisions of section 67-2901A, Idaho Code.
- (6) The department as often as practicable may provide to law enforcement agencies the record of suspensions and revocations of driver licenses via the public safety and security information system (ILETS).
- (7) The department shall provide the forms prescribed in chapter 5 of this title, shall receive and file in its office in Ada county all instruments required in chapter 5 of this title to be filed with the department, shall prescribe a uniform method of numbering certificates of title, and shall maintain in the department indices for such certificates of title. All indices shall be by motor or identification number and alphabetical by name of the owner.
- (8) The department shall file each registration received under a distinctive registration number assigned to the vehicle and to the owner thereof.
- (9) The department shall not renew a driver's license or identification card when fees required by law have not been paid or where fees for past periods are due, owing and unpaid including insufficient fund checks, until those fees have been paid.
  - (10) The department shall not grant the registration of a vehicle when:
  - (a) The applicant is not entitled to registration under the provisions of this title; or
  - (b) The applicant has neglected or refused to furnish the department with the information required in the appropriate form or reasonable additional information required by the department; or
  - (c) The fees required by law have not been paid, or where fees for past registration periods are due, owing and unpaid including insufficient fund checks.
- (11) The department or its authorized agents have the authority to request any person to submit to medical, vision, highway, or written examinations, to protect the safety of the public upon the highways. The department or its authorized agents may exercise such authority based upon evidence which may include, but is not limited to, observations made.
  - (12) The department shall revoke the registration of any vehicle:

- (a) Which the department shall determine is unsafe or unfit to be operated or is not equipped as required by law;
- (b) Whenever the person to whom the registration card or registration plate has been issued shall make or permit to be made any unlawful use of the same or permit their use by a person not entitled thereto;
- (c) For any violation of vehicle registration requirements by the owner or operator in the current or past registration periods;
- (d) Whenever a motor carrier requests revocation, or whenever an interstate carrier's federal operating authority has been revoked;
- (e) For failure of the owner or operator to file the reports required or nonpayment of audit assessments or fees assessed against the owner by the department or the state tax commission pursuant to audit under the provisions of section 49-439, Idaho Code;
- (f) Identified by any city or county administering a program established by ordinance for the inspection and readjustment of motor vehicles (which program is part of an approved state implementation plan adopted by both the state and federal governments under 42 U.S.C. 7410) as having failed to comply with an ordinance requiring motor vehicle emission inspection and readjustment; provided that no vehicle shall be identified to the department under this subsection unless:
  - (i) The city or county certifies to the department that the owner of the motor vehicle has been given notice and had the opportunity for a hearing concerning compliance with the ordinance and has exhausted all remedies and appeals from any determination made at such hearing; and
  - (ii) The city or county reimburses the department for all direct costs associated with the registration revocation procedure.
- (13) The department shall not reregister or permit a vehicle to operate on a special trip permit until all fees, penalties and interest have been paid.
- (14) The department shall institute educational programs, demonstrations, exhibits and displays.
- (15) The department shall cancel a driver's license or identification card when fees required by law have not been paid or where fees are due, owing and unpaid including insufficient fund checks, until those fees have been paid.
- (16) The department shall examine persons and vehicles by written, oral, vision and skills tests without compulsion except as provided by law.
- (17) The department shall employ expert and special help as needed in the department.
- (18) The department shall compile accident statistics and disseminate information relating to those statistics.
- (19) The department shall cooperate with the United States in the elimination of road hazards, whether of a physical, visual or mental character.
- (20) The department shall place and maintain traffic-control devices, conforming to the board's manual and specifications, upon all state highways as it shall deem necessary to indicate and to carry out the provisions of this title or to regulate, warn, or guide traffic. No local authority shall place or maintain any traffic-control device upon any highway under the jurisdiction of the department except by the latter's permission. The placement and

maintenance of such a traffic-control device by a local authority shall be made according to the board's manual and specifications for a uniform system of traffic-control devices.

- (21) The department may conduct an investigation of any bridge or other elevated structure constituting a part of a highway, and, if it shall find that the structure cannot with safety to itself withstand vehicles traveling at a speed otherwise permissible under this title, shall determine and declare the maximum speed of vehicles which the structure can safely withstand, and shall cause or permit suitable signs stating the maximum speed to be erected and maintained before each end of the structure.
- (22) Whenever the department shall determine on the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation that slow speeds on any highway or part of a highway impede the normal and reasonable movement of traffic, the department may determine and declare a minimum speed limit below which no person shall drive a vehicle except when necessary for safe operation or in compliance with law, and that limit shall be effective when posted upon appropriate fixed or variable signs.
- (23) The department shall regulate or prohibit the use of any controlled-access highway by any class or kind of traffic which is found to be incompatible with the normal and safe movement of traffic.
- (24) The department shall erect and maintain traffic-control devices on controlled-access highways on which any prohibitions are applicable.
- (25) The department and local authorities are authorized to determine those portions of any highway under their respective jurisdictions where overtaking and passing or driving on the left side of the roadway would be especially hazardous and may by appropriate signs or markings on the roadway indicate the beginning and end of those zones and when signs or markings are in place and clearly visible to an ordinarily observant person, every driver of a vehicle shall obey those directions.
- (26) The department and local authorities in their respective jurisdictions may in their discretion issue special permits authorizing the operation upon a highway of traction engines or tractors having movable tracks with transverse corrugations upon the periphery of the movable tracks or farm tractors or other farm machinery, the operation of which upon a highway would otherwise be prohibited under this title or title 40, Idaho Code.
- (27) The department and local highway authorities within their respective jurisdictions may place official traffic-control devices prohibiting, limiting or restricting the stopping, standing or parking of vehicles on any highway where such stopping, standing or parking is dangerous to those using the highway or where the stopping, standing or parking of vehicles unduly interferes with the free movement of traffic thereon.
- (28) On any informational material printed after July 1, 1995, by or at the order of the department and distributed to counties, school districts or individuals for the purpose of assisting a person to successfully pass a driver's license test, the department shall include material about the state's open range law and responsibilities, liabilities and obligations of drivers driving in the open range.

SECTION 2. That Section 49-402, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

49-402. ANNUAL REGISTRATION. (1) The annual fee for operating each pickup truck, each neighborhood electric vehicle and each other motor vehicle having a maximum gross weight not in excess of eight thousand (8,000) pounds and that complies with the federal motor vehicle safety standards as defined in section 49-107, Idaho Code, shall be:

There shall be twelve (12) registration periods, starting in January for holders of validation registration stickers numbered 1, and proceeding consecutively through December for holders of validation registration stickers numbered 12, each of which shall start on the first day of a calendar month and end on the last day of the twelfth month from the first day of the beginning month. Registration periods shall expire midnight on the last day of the registration period in the year designated by the validation registration stickers shall, as does the registration eard, fix sets the registration period under the staggered registration system for the purpose of reregistration and notice of expiration.

A vehicle that has once been registered for any of the above-designated periods shall, upon reregistration, be registered for the period bearing the same number, and the registration card shall show and be the exclusive proof of the expiration date of registration and licensing. Vehicles may be initially registered for less than a twelve (12) month period, or for more than a twelve (12) month period, and the fee prorated on a monthly basis if the fractional registration tends to fulfill the purpose of the monthly series registration system.

- (2) For all school buses operated either by a nonprofit, nonpublic school or operated pursuant to a service contract with a school district for transporting children to or from school or in connection with school-approved activities, the annual fee shall be twenty-four dollars (\$24.00) and shall be subject to staggered registration for the purpose of reregistration and notice of expiration.
- (3) For all motorcycles and motor-driven cycles that comply with the federal motor vehicle safety standards, operated upon the public highways, the annual fee shall be nineteen dollars (\$19.00) and shall be subject to staggered registration for the purpose of reregistration and notice of expiration.
- (4) For operation of an all-terrain vehicle, utility type vehicle or motorbike, excluding a motorbike with an engine displacement of fifty (50) cubic centimeters or less, on city, county or highway district roads or highways open to such use, a restricted vehicle license plate fee pursuant to section 49-450, Idaho Code, shall be paid. In addition, the certificate of number fee specified in section 67-7122, Idaho Code, shall be paid as provided in section 67-7122, Idaho Code. The certificate of number and restricted vehicle license plate exemption provided in section 49-426(2), Idaho Code, applies to all-terrain vehicles, utility type vehicles, motorbikes and motorcycles used for the purposes described in section 49-426(2),

Idaho Code. Nonresidents shall be allowed to purchase a restricted vehicle license plate and validation sticker pursuant to section 67-7124, Idaho Code, for an all-terrain vehicle, utility type vehicle, or motorbike.

- (5) For all motor homes, the fee shall be as specified in subsection (1) of this section and shall be in addition to the fees provided for in section 49-445, Idaho Code.
  - (6) Registration fees shall not be subject to refund.

- (7) A financial institution or repossession service contracted to a financial institution repossessing vehicles under the terms of a security agreement shall move the vehicle from the place of repossession to the financial institution's place of business on a repossession plate. The repossession plate shall also be used for demonstrating the vehicle to a prospective purchaser for a period not to exceed ninety-six (96) hours. The registration fees for repossession plates shall be as required in subsection (1) of this section for a vehicle one (1) and two (2) years old. All other fees required under chapter 4, title 49, Idaho Code, shall be in addition to the registration fee. The repossession plate shall be subject to staggered registration for the purpose of reregistration and notice of expiration.
- (8) A wrecker or towing business engaged in the process of towing motorized vehicles that have been wrecked, abandoned, salvaged or may be disabled may apply for a wrecker plate to be displayed on those vehicles being towed, provided the power unit is properly registered under this chapter. The registration fees for wrecker plates shall be as required in subsection (1) of this section for a vehicle one (1) and two (2) years old. All other fees required under chapter 4, title 49, Idaho Code, shall be in addition to the registration fee and shall be subject to staggered registration for the purpose of reregistration and notice of expiration.
- (9) In addition to the annual registration fee in this section, there shall be an initial program fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) and an annual program fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) for all special license plate programs for those license plates issued pursuant to sections 49-404A, 49-407, 49-408, 49-409, 49-414, 49-416, 49-418 and 49-418D, Idaho Code. For special plates issued pursuant to sections 49-406 and 49-406A, Idaho Code, there shall be an initial program fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) but there shall be no annual renewal fee. For special plates issued pursuant to sections 49-415D, 49-417, 49-417A, 49-417B, 49-417C, 49-417D, 49-418A, 49-418B, 49-418C, 49-419, 49-419A, 49-419C, 49-419E, 49-420, 49-420A, 49-420B, 49-420C, 49-420D, 49-420E, 49-420J, 49-420K, 49-420L, 49-420M, 49-420N, 49-420O, 49-420P, 49-420Q, and 49-420R, Idaho Code, and any new special plate program effective on and after January 1, 2013, pursuant to section 49-402D, Idaho Code, there shall be an initial program fee of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) and an annual program fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00). The fees contained in this subsection shall be applicable to all new special plate programs and shall be subject to staggered registration for the purpose of reregistration and notice of expiration. The initial program fee and the annual program fee shall be deposited in the state highway account and shall be used to fund the cost of administration of special license plate programs, unless otherwise specified by law.
- (10) Any vehicle that does not meet federal motor vehicle safety standards shall not be registered and shall not be permitted to operate on public

highways of the state, as defined in section 40-117, Idaho Code, unless otherwise specifically authorized.

(11) In addition to annual registration fees as provided in this section, registrants may pay a fee to purchase an Idaho state parks passport authorizing resident motor vehicle entry into all Idaho state parks. Registrants may pay the fee for a one (1) year or two (2) year period of time. The fee shall be ten dollars (\$10.00) for one (1) year and twenty dollars (\$20.00) for two (2) years. All fees collected pursuant to this subsection shall be deposited into the park and recreation fund and shall be subject to appropriation. Fees collected pursuant to this subsection shall not be considered a motor vehicle registration fee as provided in section 17, article VII, of the constitution of the state of Idaho.

SECTION 3. That Section 49-402A, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 49-402A. UTILITY TRAILERS -- REGISTRATION, FEES AND TRANSFERS. (1) The department shall register a utility trailer for a period of one (1) year for a fee of five dollars (\$5.00).
- (2) The department may register a utility trailer for a five (5) year period or for a ten (10) year period, and shall issue a license plate with the year of expiration designated by a validation sticker pursuant to section 49-443, Idaho Code. Five (5) year registrations shall cost twenty dollars (\$20.00) and ten (10) year registrations shall cost thirty dollars (\$30.00) and shall be subject to staggered registration for the purpose of reregistration and notice of expiration.
- (3) If ownership or interest in the trailer transfers as a result of a sale, neither the registration card nor plate can be transferred to another person. The registration card and plate shall remain in the possession of the transferor and may be transferred to another utility trailer owned by the transferor, and shall be valid until expiration of the original registration.
- SECTION 4. That Section 49-402E, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 49-402E. RENTAL FLEET REGISTRATION. (1) As used in this section "rental fleet" means more than twenty-five (25) motor vehicles that are:
  - (a) Owned by a rental company;

- (b) Offered for rental without a hired driver through a rental agreement; and
- (c) Designated by the registered owner of the motor vehicle as a rental fleet vehicle at the time of registration.
- (2) (a) On and after the effective date of this act, an owner that registers a motor vehicle, weighing sixteen thousand (16,000) pounds or less, under the provisions of chapter 4, title 49, Idaho Code, may obtain an alternative special registration card and rental car stickers for the license plates if the motor vehicle is owned by a rental company and maintained in the rental company's rental fleet.
- (b) Although annual registration shall be required for each fleet vehicle, the registration card and rental car stickers for the license

plates issued under paragraph (a) of this subsection are valid for the life of the motor vehicle while the motor vehicle is maintained in the rental fleet.

(3) An owner that receives the alternative special registration <del>card</del> and rental car stickers for the license plates issued under this section shall renew the annual registration. If registration is not renewed, the registration shall be canceled.

- (4) In addition to the registration fees collected under chapter 4, title 49, Idaho Code, the department shall also collect an additional two dollars (\$2.00) for the initial registration for each vehicle registered under this section, which shall be deposited in the state highway account.
- SECTION 5. That Section 49-411, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 49-411. DEALER AND MANUFACTURER PLATE -- FEES. (1) Any person conducting the business of manufacturing, buying, selling or dealing in vehicles, and licensed as a manufacturer of or a dealer in vehicles, and owning and operating any such vehicle upon any highway may, in lieu of registering each vehicle, obtain from the department, upon application on the proper form and payment of the required fee, and attach to each vehicle, one (1) number plate as required for different classes of vehicles in section 49-434, Idaho Code. The special number plate shall bear a distinctive number assigned to the manufacturer or dealer, the name of this state, which may be abbreviated, and the year for which the plate is issued, together with words which may be abbreviated or a distinguishing symbol indicating that the plate is issued to a manufacturer or dealer.
  - (a) Dealer license plates shall be limited to two (2) license plates for up to twenty (20) vehicles sold during the previous dealer licensing period and one (1) license plate for each ten (10) additional vehicles sold during the previous dealer licensing period. Any new dealer who applies for a dealer license shall be eligible for the number of dealer plates requested based on the number of vehicles that the dealer estimates he will sell during the first year of licensure.
  - (b) Upon renewal of a dealer's license, the department may audit vehicle sales from previous years to determine the number of dealer plates that will be authorized for the current dealer licensing period.
- (2) The fee to validate for a dealer or manufacturer number plate shall be twelve dollars (\$12.00) for each validation sticker.
- (3) All such fees shall be paid to the state treasurer and deposited to the state highway account.
- (4) Laden dealer or manufacturer plates shall be available to licensed dealers and manufacturers operating vehicles with laden loads in furtherance of their business pursuant to section 49-1627(5), Idaho Code. Such plates shall be exempt from the limit provisions of subsection (1) (a) of this section. The operating fee for a laden dealer or manufacturer plate will be equal to the fees for commercial vehicles pursuant to section 49-434(1), Idaho Code, for twenty-six thousand (26,000) pounds. Laden dealer and manufacturer plates are limited to a maximum combined gross vehicle weight of twenty-six thousand (26,000) pounds. Temporary weight increase permits may be purchased pursuant to section 49-432(2), Idaho Code.

SECTION 6. That Section 49-412, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 49-412. VEHICLE DEALER LOANER PLATE. (1) A dealer  $\tau$  owning a vehicle may obtain, upon application to the department upon a on the proper form and payment of the fee required, and display on a vehicle loaned to a customer  $\tau$  a loaner vehicle number plate. The plate shall be the same design and numbering system as the plate issued for passenger vehicles or motorcycles.
- (2) The fee for each loaner plate or registration sticker shall be as provided in section 49-402(1), Idaho Code, for new vehicles.
- (3) All such fees shall be paid to the state treasurer and deposited to the state highway account.
- SECTION 7. That Section 49-428, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 49-428. DISPLAY OF PLATE AND STICKERS. (1) License plates assigned to a motor vehicle shall be attached, one (1) in the front and the other in the rear, with the exception of the following:
  - (a) The license plate assigned to a motorcycle, all-terrain vehicle, utility type vehicle, motorbike or semitrailer and the license plate assigned to a motor vehicle operated by a manufacturer, repossession agent or dealer shall be attached to the rear.
  - (b) Vehicles displaying year of manufacture, old timer, classic car, street rod, or custom vehicle license plates shall be allowed to display one (1) plate attached to the rear of the vehicle.
  - (c) The license plate attached to a tractor shall be attached to the front.
  - (d) The wrecker plate shall be displayed on the vehicle being towed in such a manner as to be visible when the vehicle being towed is approached from the rear.

License plates shall be displayed during the current registration year. The annual registration sticker for the current registration year shall be displayed on each license plate, except for trailers, semitrailers, and commercial vehicles over twenty-six thousand (26,000) pounds under the provisions of sections 49-434 and 49-435, Idaho Code. For the purposes of this title, the license plates together with the registration stickers shall be considered as license plates for the year designated on the registration sticker. For purposes of this chapter, a validation sticker issued to the operator of an all-terrain vehicle, utility type vehicle, or motorbike under the provisions of sections 67-7122 and 67-7124, Idaho Code, shall be considered the registration sticker.

(2) Every license plate shall at all times be securely fastened to the vehicle to which it is assigned to prevent the plate from swinging, be at a height not less than twelve (12) inches from the ground, measuring from the bottom of the plate, be in a place and position to be clearly visible, and be maintained free from foreign materials and in a condition to be clearly legible, and all registration stickers shall be securely attached to the license plates and shall be displayed as provided in section 49-443(4), Idaho Code.

SECTION 8. That Section 49-434, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

49-434. OPERATING FEES. (1) There shall be paid on all commercial vehicles, noncommercial vehicles, and on all farm vehicles having a maximum gross weight not in excess of sixty thousand (60,000) pounds, an annual registration fee or a staggered registration fee for the purpose of reregistration and notice of expiration in accordance with the following schedule.

8	Unladen Weight for Wreckers	Annual Registration Fee			
9	Maximum Gross Weight	Noncommercial and	Commercial		
10 11	For Other Vehicles (Pounds)	Farm Vehicles	Vehicles and Wreckers		
12	8,001-16,000 inc	\$ 48.00	\$ 48.00		
13	16,001-26,000 inc	61.08	143.40		
14	26,001-30,000 inc	91.68	223.80		
15	30,001-40,000 inc	130.08	291.60		
16	40,001-50,000 inc	188.28	360.00		
17	50,001-60,000 inc	311.88	515.40		

In addition to the registration fees provided for in this subsection, there shall be an additional registration fee imposed of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).

- (2) There shall be paid on all commercial vehicles, irrespective of body type, and on all farm vehicles having a maximum gross weight in excess of sixty thousand (60,000) pounds, an annual registration fee in the amount prescribed by subsection (8) of this section, as applicable.
  - (3) In addition, the annual registration fee for trailers shall be:
  - (a) Trailer or semitrailer in a combination of vehicles .......\$15.00
  - (b) Rental utility trailer with a gross weight of two thousand (2,000) pounds or less ......\$8.00
  - (c) Rental utility trailer with a gross weight over two thousand (2,000) pounds ......\$15.00
- (4) As an option to the trailer and semitrailer and rental utility trailer annual registrations issued pursuant to subsection (3) of this section, the department may provide a nonexpiring plate and registration for trailers and semitrailers, and an optional, extended registration for rental utility trailers.
  - (a) For trailers and semitrailers, the nonexpiring registration fee shall be ninety-nine dollars (\$99.00). The license plate shall remain on the trailer or semitrailer until the registration is canceled or revoked. No part of the fee is subject to refund. However, the registrant may transfer the nonexpiring plate and registration to another trailer or semitrailer titled to the registrant if the original registration date is prior to July 1, 2009. The registration document shall be the official record of the status of the nonexpiring registration, and no registration fee shall be required after the initial registration is paid. No validation sticker shall be issued for license plates assigned

 under this section. The owner may be issued an electronic copy of the registration card issued pursuant to this section.

- (i) Registration of a trailer or semitrailer based in another jurisdiction may be issued when the registrant provides a valid jurisdiction title or ownership document and certification statement, and no title transfer will be required.
- (ii) Periodic verification will be made to confirm ownership status. Failure of the owner to comply with the verification request to confirm ownership within thirty (30) days shall result in cancellation of the permanent plate registration.
- (b) Idaho-based trailer manufacturers may purchase trailer and semitrailer registration from the department. The manufacturer may issue the annual registration to foreign-based purchasers utilizing a manufacturer's certificate of origin or manufacturer's statement of origin as proof of ownership. If the foreign-based purchaser subsequently obtains an Idaho nonexpiring registration as provided in paragraph (a) of this subsection prior to annual registration expiration, the amount of the annual registration fee shall be applied to the nonexpiring registration fee provided that the customer acquires a title for such vehicle.
- (c) For rental utility trailers, the registrant may prepay the annual registration for an additional one (1), two (2), three (3) or four (4) years, but in no event shall the optional registration period extend beyond five (5) years. The fee shall be as specified in subsection (3) (b) or (c) of this section. The owner shall be issued a registration card or may request such card to be sent electronically. The expiration date shall be reflected on such registration card. The license plate shall become void if the owner's interest in the rental utility trailer changes during the five (5) year period. If the owner fails to enter the rental utility trailer on the annual renewal application during the five (5) year period, the registration record shall be purged. Any unrenewed plate shall be returned to the department if it is not entered on the renewal application.
- A fleet registration option is available to owners who have (5) twenty-five (25) or more commercial or farm vehicles or any combination thereof. Such owners may register all of their company vehicles with the department in lieu of registering with a county assessor. To qualify, the fleet must be owned and operated under the unified control of one (1) person and the vehicles must be physically garaged and maintained in two (2) or more counties. Fleet registration shall not include fleets of rental vehicles. The department shall provide a registration application to the owner, and the owner shall provide all information that the department determines is necessary. The department shall devise a special license plate numbering system for fleet-registered vehicles as an alternative to county license plates. The fleet registration application and all subsequent registration renewals shall include the physical address where a vehicle is principally used, garaged and maintained. The fleet owner shall report the physical address to the department upon initial registration, on each renewal, and at any time a vehicle registered under this option is permanently transferred to another location.

- (6) If the ownership of a vehicle changes during the registration period, the original owner may transfer the plate to another vehicle. The remaining fee shall be credited against the cost of the new registration. Refunds may be given for any unexpired portion of the vehicle registration fee if the plate is not transferred by the owner to another vehicle. Any request for refund shall include surrender of the license plate and registration document, if a physical document was issued. Owners of vehicles registered under the international registration plan may request a refund of the unexpired portion of the Idaho vehicle registration fee by presenting evidence from the base jurisdiction that the license plate and registration document, if a physical document was issued, have been surrendered. A license plate shall not be transferred to another owner when the ownership of a vehicle changes. The owner shall obtain a replacement plate, if required, and a printed or electronic registration document when a plate is lost, destroyed, or becomes illegible.
- (7) An administrative fee of four dollars (\$4.00) shall be paid and deposited to the state highway account on all registrations completed by the department under subsection (1) or (8)(a) of this section. Vehicles registered under subsection (8)(b) of this section shall pay the fee provided in section 49-435(2), Idaho Code.
- (8) There shall be paid on all commercial and farm vehicles having a maximum gross weight in excess of sixty thousand (60,000) pounds, a registration fee based upon the maximum gross weight of a vehicle as declared by the owner and the total number of miles driven on roads and highways in the state, county, city and highway district systems in Idaho, and if registered under the international registration plan (IRP), in all other jurisdictions. The appropriate registration fee shall be determined as follows:
  - (a) If the owner registers vehicles under the international registration plan (IRP), the appropriate mileage column shall be determined by the total miles an owner operated a fleet of vehicles on roads and highways in the state, county, city and highway district systems in Idaho and in all other jurisdictions in the preceding year, as defined in section 49-117, Idaho Code, and by the maximum gross weight of each vehicle within a fleet.
  - (b) If the owner registers vehicles under the international registration plan and determines that the average international registration plan fleet miles, calculated by dividing the total IRP fleet miles in all jurisdictions by the number of registered vehicles, is less than fifty thousand one (50,001) miles, the owner may apply to the department for refund of a portion of the registration fees paid, consistent with the fee schedules set forth in this section. The department shall provide an application for the refund. An owner making application for refund under this section shall be subject to auditing as provided in section 49-439, Idaho Code.
  - (c) If the owner is not registering vehicles under the international registration plan, the appropriate mileage column shall be determined by the total miles the owner operated each of the vehicles to be registered on roads and highways in the state, county, city and highway district systems in Idaho in the preceding year and by the maximum gross weight of each vehicle.

1	Maximum Gross						
2 3	Weight of Vehicle (Pounds)	Total Miles Driven					
	(Founds)						
4		1 to	7,501 to	20,001 to	35,001 to	Over	
5	60 001 62 000	7 <b>,</b> 500	20,000	35,000	50,000	50,000	
6	60,001-62,000 62,001-64,000	\$223	\$ 511	\$ 789	\$1 <b>,</b> 068	\$1 <b>,</b> 560	
7	64,001-66,000	\$251	\$ 576	\$ 890	\$1 <b>,</b> 205	\$1 <b>,</b> 760	
8	·	\$280	\$ 642	\$ 992	\$1 <b>,</b> 342	\$1 <b>,</b> 960	
9	66,001-68,000 68,001-70,000	\$309	\$ 707	\$1 <b>,</b> 093	\$1 <b>,</b> 479	\$2,160	
10	·	\$337	\$ 773	\$1,194	\$1 <b>,</b> 615	\$2 <b>,</b> 360	
11	70,001-72,000	\$366	\$ 838	\$1 <b>,</b> 295	\$1 <b>,</b> 752	\$2 <b>,</b> 560	
12	72,001-74,000	\$394	\$ 904	\$1 <b>,</b> 396	\$1 <b>,</b> 889	\$2 <b>,</b> 760	
13	74,001-76,000	\$423	\$ 969	\$1 <b>,</b> 498	\$2 <b>,</b> 026	\$2 <b>,</b> 960	
14	76,001-78,000	\$451	\$1 <b>,</b> 035	\$1 <b>,</b> 599	\$2 <b>,</b> 163	\$3 <b>,</b> 160	
15	78,001-80,000	\$480	\$1,100	\$1 <b>,</b> 700	\$2 <b>,</b> 300	\$3 <b>,</b> 360	
16	80,001-82,000	\$494	\$1,133	\$1 <b>,</b> 751	\$2 <b>,</b> 368	\$3 <b>,</b> 460	
17	82,001-84,000	\$509	\$1 <b>,</b> 165	\$1,801	\$2 <b>,</b> 437	\$3 <b>,</b> 560	
18	84,001-86,000	\$523	\$1 <b>,</b> 198	\$1,852	\$2 <b>,</b> 505	\$3 <b>,</b> 660	
19	86,001-88,000	\$537	\$1,231	\$1,902	\$2 <b>,</b> 574	\$3 <b>,</b> 760	
20	88,001-90,000	\$551	\$1 <b>,</b> 264	\$1 <b>,</b> 953	\$2 <b>,</b> 642	\$3 <b>,</b> 860	
21	90,001-92,000	\$566	\$1 <b>,</b> 296	\$2,004	\$2 <b>,</b> 711	\$3 <b>,</b> 960	
22	92,001-94,000	\$580	\$1 <b>,</b> 329	\$2 <b>,</b> 054	\$2 <b>,</b> 779	\$4,060	
23	94,001-96,000	\$594	\$1 <b>,</b> 362	\$2,105	\$2,848	\$4,160	
24	96,001-98,000	\$609	\$1 <b>,</b> 395	\$2 <b>,</b> 155	\$2 <b>,</b> 916	\$4,260	
25	98,001-100,000	\$623	\$1 <b>,</b> 427	\$2 <b>,</b> 206	\$2 <b>,</b> 985	\$4,360	
26	100,001-102,000	\$637	\$1,460	\$2 <b>,</b> 257	\$3 <b>,</b> 053	\$4,460	
27	102,001-104,000	\$651	\$1 <b>,</b> 493	\$2 <b>,</b> 307	\$3,121	\$4,560	
28	104,001-106,000	\$666	\$1 <b>,</b> 526	\$2 <b>,</b> 358	\$3 <b>,</b> 190	\$4,660	
29	106,001-108,000	\$680	\$1 <b>,</b> 558	\$2,408	\$3 <b>,</b> 258	\$4,760	
30	108,001-110,000	\$694	\$1 <b>,</b> 591	\$2 <b>,</b> 459	\$3 <b>,</b> 327	\$4,860	
31	110,001-112,000	\$709	\$1 <b>,</b> 624	\$2,510	\$3 <b>,</b> 395	\$4,960	
32	112,001-114,000	\$723	\$1 <b>,</b> 657	\$2,560	\$3,464	\$5 <b>,</b> 060	
33	114,001-116,000	\$737	\$1,689	\$2,611	\$3 <b>,</b> 532	\$5,160	
34	116,001-118,000	\$751	\$1 <b>,</b> 722	\$2 <b>,</b> 661	\$3 <b>,</b> 601	\$5 <b>,</b> 260	
35	118,001-120,000	\$766	\$1 <b>,</b> 755	\$2,712	\$3 <b>,</b> 669	\$5 <b>,</b> 360	
36	120,001-122,000	\$780	\$1,788	\$2 <b>,</b> 763	\$3 <b>,</b> 738	\$5,460	
37	122,001-124,000	\$794	\$1,820	\$2,813	\$3 <b>,</b> 806	\$5 <b>,</b> 560	
38	124,001-126,000	\$809	\$1,853	\$2,864	\$3,874	\$5 <b>,</b> 660	
39	126,001-128,000	\$823	\$1,886	\$2,914	\$3,943	\$5 <b>,</b> 760	
40	128,001-129,000	\$837	\$1,918	\$2 <b>,</b> 965	\$4,011	\$5 <b>,</b> 860	

In addition to the registration fees provided for in this subsection, there shall be an additional registration fee imposed of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).

- (d) In addition to the fees set forth in paragraphs (a) and (c) of this subsection, an owner or operator may purchase a temporary permit as provided in section 49-432(2), Idaho Code, for operation of a vehicle at a weight in excess of the current, valid, registered maximum gross vehicle weight. The permit so issued shall be specific to the motor vehicle to which it is issued. No permit or fee shall be transferable or apportionable to any other vehicle, nor shall any such fee be refundable.
- (e) Any commercial or farm vehicle registered for more than sixty thousand (60,000) pounds up to one hundred six thousand (106,000) pounds traveling fewer than two thousand five hundred (2,500) miles annually on roads and highways in the state, county, city and highway district systems in Idaho shall pay an annual registration fee of two hundred fifty-five dollars (\$255). The provisions of section 49-437(2), Idaho Code, shall not apply to vehicles registered under this paragraph.
- (9) (a) During the first registration year that the fee schedule in subsection (8) (c) of this section is in use, an owner shall use the mileage data from the records used to report the mileage use fee in the immediately preceding year as the basis for determining the appropriate registration fee schedule.
- (b) Any owner who registers a motor vehicle for the first time and who has no mileage history for the vehicle shall estimate the miles to determine the appropriate fee schedule in subsection (8)(c) of this section. When estimating the miles, the owner shall provide a statement on the application of the method used to arrive at the estimated miles.
- (c) Any owner using any fee schedule other than the highest fee schedule under subsection (8) (c) of this section shall certify at the time of registration that the miles operated in the preceding year do not exceed the schedule applied for. Any owner using a fee schedule under subsection (8) (c) of this section that is less than the highest schedule shall maintain records to substantiate the use of the schedule as required by section 49-439, Idaho Code.
- (10) An owner registering under subsection (8) (a) or (8) (c) of this section may elect to pay the full annual registration fee at the time of registration or renewal of registration, or an owner may pay at least one-quarter (1/4) of the annual registration fee due. The remainder of the annual Idaho registration fee shall be paid in three (3) equal installments on dates as billed by the department.
- (11) An owner registering or renewing a registration under subsection (8) (a) of this section electing to use installment payments as provided in subsection (10) of this section shall pay all of the fees due to other IRP jurisdictions in addition to one-quarter (1/4) of the Idaho fee due at the time of registration or reregistration. The remainder of the annual Idaho registration fee shall be paid in three (3) equal installments on dates as billed by the department.
- (12) If any vehicle or combinations of vehicles haul nonreducible loads, as authorized under the provisions of section 49-1004, Idaho Code, and weigh less than the starting weights per axle configuration listed in

column 1 of section 49-1004(2), Idaho Code, then and in that event there shall be paid for that vehicle, in addition to the other fees required in this section, an additional use fee of 2.1 mills per mile for each two thousand (2,000) pounds or fraction thereof of the maximum gross weight in excess of those set forth in section 49-1001, Idaho Code.

 SECTION 9. That Section 49-443, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

49-443. LICENSE PLATES TO BE FURNISHED BY DEPARTMENT -- FORM AND CONTENTS. (1) The assessor or the department shall furnish to every owner whose vehicle is registered or licensed by that office, pursuant to sections 49-402, and 49-402A, and 49-402E, Idaho Code, one (1) license plate for vehicles registered under the provisions of section 49-406, 49-406A or 49-408, Idaho Code, or a motorcycle, trailer, truck-tractor, or semitrailer; one (1) restricted vehicle license plate for all-terrain vehicles, utility type vehicles and motorbikes licensed pursuant to this chapter; and two (2) license plates for every other motor vehicle. If a vehicle is issued one (1) plate only, that plate shall be displayed in accordance with the provisions of section 49-428, Idaho Code. For vehicles registered under the provisions of section 49-407, Idaho Code, the applicant shall provide one (1) plate to be displayed on the rear of the vehicle.

Commencing January 1, 1992, the color and design of the plates shall be comparable to the color and design of the statehood centennial issue of license plates with blue numerals and letters on a multicolored red, white and blue background. Each license plate must bear upon its face the inscriptions "Famous Potatoes" and "Scenic Idaho." The restricted vehicle license plate for all-terrain vehicles, utility type vehicles and motorbikes shall be a white background with black numerals and letters, with "Idaho Restricted Vehicle" and the year of its expiration on its face and no other inscription. The restricted vehicle license plate shall be the same size required for the motorcycle license plate.

Every license plate shall have displayed upon it the registration number assigned to the vehicle and its owner and the name "Idaho," which may be abbreviated. The plates issued under the provisions of section 49-402(1), Idaho Code, and the required letters and numerals, including an identification of the county in which the motor vehicle to which the plates will be affixed is registered, shall be of sufficient size to be plainly readable from a distance of seventy-five (75) feet during daylight, and each license plate and registration sticker shall be treated with a fully reflectorized material according to specifications prescribed by the board.

(2) License plates shall be valid for a period of ten (10) years beginning with the date of issuance of new plates. At the end of the ninth year, the registered owner shall receive notice of the date upon which the plates will expire.

For specialty license plate programs discontinued pursuant to the provisions of section 49-402C, Idaho Code, a registrant with a specialty license plate currently registered under the program may use such license plate for up to ten (10) years from the date of issuance. This provision is intended to permit the use of the specialty plate by the registrant regardless of the number of persons who purchase the specialty plate. The

registrant shall be required to pay the special plate program fees provided for specialty plates pursuant to this chapter. Such fees shall be deposited into the state highway account. For purposes of section 49-434, Idaho Code, as it applies to commercial vehicles, and section 49-435, Idaho Code, the department shall provide new plates bearing the same number or, upon request from the registered owner, the next available number.

- (3) If a license plate number has expired as provided in subsection (2) of this section and is not renewed within sixty (60) days of its expiration, the plate number shall be available for use by another registrant. To obtain a specific number in the recycled license plate number file, the owner of a registered vehicle may contact the county regarding availability. The provisions of this subsection shall apply only to vehicles registered under the provisions of section 49-402(1), Idaho Code, and section 49-434(1), Idaho Code, as it applies to noncommercial vehicles.
- (4) License plates issued for vehicles required to be registered in accordance with the provisions of sections 49-402 and 49-402A, Idaho Code, shall be issued color-coded red, white or blue registration validation stickers showing the year of registration. Each registration validation sticker shall bear a number from 1 through 12, which number shall correspond to the month of the calendar year in which the registration of the vehicle expires and shall be affixed to the lower right-hand corner of the plates within the outlined rectangular area.
- (5) License plates for utility trailers registered under the provisions of section 49-402A, Idaho Code, that are issued for five (5) or ten (10) years and license plates for rental utility trailers registered under the provisions of section 49-434, Idaho Code, that are issued for up to five (5) years shall use the design in effect on the date of manufacture. If a design change occurs, plates from the effective date of the design change shall be manufactured using the new design. Unexpired plates need not be reissued to conform to a design change.
- (65) For license plates that are lost, stolen, mutilated, or illegible, the owner shall apply for a duplicate or substitute. The assessor shall also furnish for each registration, and to validate the license plate, a pressure-sensitive, uniquely numbered, color-coded red, white or blue registration sticker, except for trailers and semitrailers registered under the provisions in section 49-434, Idaho Code. License plates issued for state, county and city motor vehicles shall be valid for ten (10) years pursuant to subsection (2) of this section and remain on the vehicle for which issued from year to year and need no renewal or validation sticker.
- (76) Whenever a vehicle is completely destroyed by fire or accident and the operator submits satisfactory proof of that destruction to the department or appropriate assessor's office, or the owner wishes to transfer the remaining registration, use increment and fees shall be transferred to the replacement vehicle for a service transfer fee of five dollars (\$5.00), which fee shall be retained by the registering authority. None of the original fees shall be subject to refund.
- (87) The department shall furnish a printed or an electronic copy of the registration card to every owner whose vehicle is registered under sections 49-434 and 49-435, Idaho Code.

(98) The board shall have authority to require the return to the department of all license plates and registration stickers upon termination of the lawful use of them by the owner.

- (109) The board may promulgate such rules as are necessary to implement the provisions of this section.
- SECTION 10. That Section 67--7602B, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 67-7602B. FUNDING. The Idaho heritage trust shall receive funds collected in section 49-450, Idaho Code, in the amount of fifty cents (50¢) per plate for the use of the copyrighted design provided in section 49-443(1 $\theta$ ), Idaho Code. The Idaho transportation department shall collect such funds and distribute them to the Idaho heritage trust fund quarterly. The role of the heritage trust is to accept proposals from the public requesting funds for heritage preservation projects. The proposals are evaluated on established criteria, and if in the opinion of the heritage trust they qualify, a grant may be awarded subject to the availability of funds. The heritage trust shall insure that the following occurs in respect to the management of funds:
- (1) Funds earned from the use of the motor vehicle license plate design shall be deposited directly into the trust fund where it will earn interest that will be used for heritage preservation projects. Contributions from private fund raising efforts may also be deposited to the trust fund.
- (2) Only the interest earned from the trust fund shall be expended, and the trust fund shall remain as a permanent endowment generating income in perpetuity for heritage preservation.
- (3) The Idaho heritage trust shall require project sponsors to match the funds granted for each project, so that no more than half the monetary support for any project shall come from the proceeds of the trust fund.

SECTION 11. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after July 1, 2022.